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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: JUNE 20 MORNING SESSION

1. NA MET MORNING JUNE 20 TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES TO CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCILS PROVIDED FOR IN PRESIDENTIAL AND UPPER HOUSE ELECTION LAWS. A NUMBER OF DEPUTIES PROPOSED THAT ONLY ONE NA REPRESENTATIVE BE CHOSEN SINCE COMPOSITION OF THESE TWO COUNCILS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL.

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NA NONETHELESS DECIDED TO SELECT TWO DEPUTIES.
2. INDEPENDENT LY VAN HIEN WAS ELECTED NA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL WHICH WILL DEAL WITH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE RECEIVED 34 VOTES AND WAS OPPOSED BY DEMOCRATIC-ALLIANCE DEPUTIES PHAM DINH HUNG AND PHAM NGOC HON WHO RECEIVED 31 AND 12 VOTES RESPECTIVELY. GREATER PEOPLE'S BLOC MEMBER NGUYEN HUU DUC WAS ELECTED TO REPRESENT NA ON CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL FOR UPPER HOUSE ELECTION. DUC RECEIVED 44 VOTES DEFEATING DEMOCRATIC-ALLIANCE MEMBER NGUYEN VAN SAM (29 VOTES). THERE WERE SIX BLANK BALLOTS.
3. ASSEMBLY WILL RECONVENE AFTERNOON JUNE 20 TO DEBATE QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. THIS WILL REPORTEDLY INCLUDE SUCH SUBJECTS AS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.
4. COMMENT: COMMENT: ELECTION OF HIEP AND DUC TO CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCILS IS FURTHER INDICATION OF EFFECT KY/THIEU SPLIT HAS HAD ON UNITY OF DEMOCRATIC-ALLIANCE BLOC. FOR THE MOMENT AT LEAST THE DEMOCRATIC-ALLIANCE HAS LOST THE TENUOUS WORKING MAJORITY WHICH IT MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD WHEN THE PRESIDENTIAL AND UPPER HOUSE ELECTION LAWS WERE BEING DEBATED. BUNKER

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